

WEATHER & CROPS

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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2005

Spring showers brought plenty of water to Virginia for the week. Parts of the Commonwealth experienced localized flooding due to most areas receiving 1 to 3.75 inches of accumulative rain. Several regions of Virginia reported high winds, some of which has led to damaged farm buildings. Overall, the State was slightly warmer than normal for this time of year, with southeastern Virginia about 5 degrees above normal. However, northern Virginia was slightly cooler than normal. Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.4. Muddy conditions have delayed most fieldwork. Only 2% of the State has corn planted for grain, compared to last year's 4%. Hay and small grain fertilization applications have also been delayed due to the mud. Vegetable producers have been busy tilling where possible, laying down black plastic, and tending to greenhouse seedlings and transplants. Nearly all of Virginia's tobacco has been started, which is typical for this time of year. Other farming activities included repairing fences, pruning peach trees, and prepping farm equipment.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
April 3, 2005	0	1	51	48

CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	4	18	42	30	6
Livestock	0	4	26	61	9
Hay, (other)	4	1	57	38	0
Hay, (alfalfa)	4	3	52	41	0
Winter Wheat	0	1	33	61	5
Barley	0	2	32	53	13
Apples, (all)	0	0	2	98	0
Peaches	1	1	37	55	6

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain	2	0	4	4
Tobacco Greenhouse Seeded	98	0	93	97

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	67	35	48	-3	1.77	1.15	3
The Plains	66	34	48	0	3.73	3.03	5
Winchester 7 SE	67	33	47	0	2.83	2.13	4
Dale Enterprise	67	34	48	-2	2.00	1.45	5
WESTERN							
Glasgow	73	38	51	0	3.65	2.95	4
Roanoke AP	71	40	52	1	2.98	2.21	4
Waynesboro	67	36	47	0	2.49	1.86	4
Staunton AG	68	36	49	2	2.25	1.62	4
CENTRAL							
Somerset	68	38	50	1	2.78	2.05	4
Piedmont Res ST	68	41	50	2	3.76	3.03	4
Bremo Bluff	75	33	52	2	2.85	2.11	5
Richmond AP	70	43	56	4	2.62	1.89	4
EASTERN							
Eastville	68	42	53	2	1.76	0.99	3
Wallops Island	60	40	50	0	2.32	1.60	4
Williamsburg	73	42	56	3	1.88	1.08	3
Keysville	78	40	57	7	2.15	1.37	4
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	72	32	47	1	2.86	2.02	4
Wytheville	72	33	48	3	2.41	1.78	4
Saltville	75	34	50	2	2.18	1.41	4
Richlands	76	32	50	7	2.03	1.19	5
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	73	41	53	4	2.55	1.57	4
Danville AG	75	43	56	4	1.37	0.57	4
Chatham	73	37	53	3	1.71	0.87	4
Martinsville	73	40	52	3	1.32	0.47	4
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	72	45	56	4	1.33	0.57	4
Oceana	72	40	54	2	2.00	1.28	4
Emporia	74	44	58	7	1.80	1.03	5
Newport News	74	44	58	6	1.19	0.43	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.